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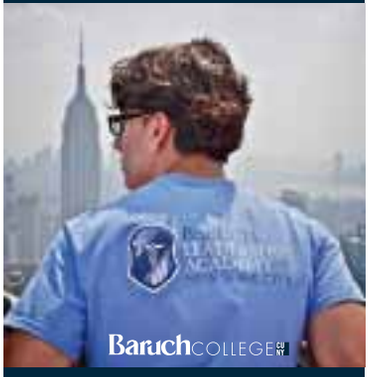

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TRUMP WANTS SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA

1 President Donald Trump said the U.N. Security Council must be prepared to impose new sanctions on North Korea as concerns mount that it may test a sixth nuclear bomb as early as Tuesday. "The status quo in North Korea is also unacceptable," Trump told a meeting with the 15 U.N. Security Council ambassadors, including China and Russia, at the White House on Monday. "The council must be prepared to

impose additional and stronger sanctions on North Korean nuclear and ballistic missile programs. ... This is a real threat to the world, whether we want to talk about it or not. North Korea is a big world problem and it's a problem that we have to finally solve," he said. "People put blindfolds on for decades and now it's time to solve the problem." REUTERS

LAWYER WILL REPRESENT ANOTHER PASSENGER

2 The lawyer representing Dr. David Dao, who was dragged from a United Airlines plane, said he will also represent a woman whose clash with an American Airlines flight attendant went viral over the weekend. Thomas Demetrio told CNBC that he will represent both passengers whose recent confrontations with airline and airport employees sparked global outrage and prompted a nationwide conversation over U.S. carriers' treatment of passengers. "Her tale is compelling. The video is a microcosm of what's wrong with the airline industry today," Demetrio said in an interview with CNBC. In a video posted on Facebook by a bystander aboard the American Airlines flight, the woman is seen in tears and holding a young child after a male flight attendant had apparently wrested a stroller from her. REUTERS

HOLLANDE URGES FRENCH TO REJECT LE PEN

3 France's outgoing president, Francois Hollande, on Monday urged people to back centrist Emmanuel Macron in a vote to choose his successor next month and reject far-right leader Marine Le Pen, whose place in the run-off represented a "risk" for France. Macron and Le Pen, leader of the National Front (FN), go head-to-head on May 7 after taking the top two places in Sun-

day's first round. Opinion polls indicate that the business-friendly Macron, who has never held elected office, will take at least 61 percent of the vote against Le Pen after two defeated rivals pledged to back him to thwart her eurosceptic, anti-immigrant platform. REUTERS

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OBAMA BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT, VOWS TO HELP FUTURE LEADERS

4 Former President Barack Obama on Monday made his first major appearance since leaving office, having chosen Chicago, the city where his political career started, to emerge from a three-month hiatus from the public eye. In a panel discussion at the University of Chicago, where Obama once taught constitutional law, the 44th president told the audience that he had been spending a lot of time thinking about what's next for him. "The single most important thing I can do is to help in any way I can prepare the next generation to take up the baton and to take their own crack at changing the world," he said. GETTY IMAGES

NEW ORLEANS REMOVES OFFENSIVE STATUE

5 New Orleans removed a statue that the mayor said glorified a 19th-century attack on police by white supremacists, the first of four monuments that the city will relocate to send a message of "diversity, inclusion and tolerance." Authorities took down the statue honoring the so-called Battle of Liberty Place, acting without notice and under the cover of darkness for security reasons, and will move it to a museum or other facility, Mayor Mitch Landrieu said. A federal court cleared the way for its removal in March. Erected in 1891, the monument commemorates an 1874 attack on the racially integrated city police and state militia by the white supremacist "Crescent City White League," the mayor's office said. "The statue was put up to honor the killing of police officers by white supremacists," Landrieu said. REUTERS

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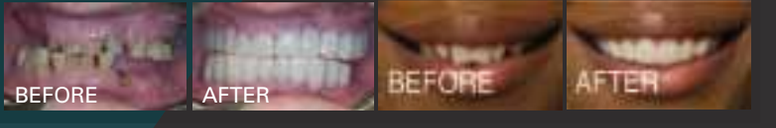

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Property owners luring renters with promotional gifts, free amenities

With a glut of rental units on the market, New Yorkers are negotiating, scoring free rent, iPads and more from their landlords.

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Luxury Manhattan buildings, such as the New Caledonia on West 17th Street, are among the many buildings offering plush incentives. TRIPLEMINT

If the rent is too high, ask for a present.

Too much inventory in the New York City rental market is creating a splendid situation for some renters, as owners and managers are packaging big incentives and promotional goodies to fill empty units ASAP.

It's a new phenomenon. Landlords are at a disadvantage because record high rents are driving people to the outer limits of the five boroughs, while new developments are flooding the market in historically popular areas, creating high vacancy rates in Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn.

In March, 35 percent of leases signed at Citi Habitats included some sort of deal sweetener for the tenant, up from 20 percent in March 2016 and 12 percent in 2015, according to company figures.

"It's a picture of how the economy didn't rebound as hard as we thought it would," Gary Malin, president of Citi Habitats told Metro. "There's a lot of competition between buildings and neighborhoods, and owners are trying to push the rents to natural heights. To subsidize that long-term goal is to incentivize on the short term."

Some tenants are really scoring, with free access to the building gym and pool, as well as other goodies like iPads, gift cards and pots and pans for their new apartments.

Jonathan Katz, for example, made out pretty well. He is now moving into a one-bedroom in Park Slope, Brooklyn, which had been vacant for more than two months. To lure him in, Katz was given three months of free rent on an 18-month lease (a savings of $8,700), did not have to pay a broker's fee and got $100 knocked off the base rent. For an apartment that would have cost him $2,900 a month, he will now pay $2,350.

On top of price reductions, renters are being enticed with incentives such as gift cards and iPads. TRIPLEMINT

Brokers, too, reap incentives from property owners

Landlords won't lower rents outright because it looks bad on paper to investors and banks, and diminishes the building's cachet, real estate agents said.

Incentives are easier to write off or they come out of other income sources that don't cut into the owner's bottom line.

"There was a time when concessions were few and far between," said Joshua Juneau, a broker for Triple Mint in Manhattan. Now, he said, "we're getting 700 emails showcasing what's available and what incentives are being offered."

Many of the buildings that had busy leasing offices on premises are now trying to attract brokers as much as they are tenants, to literally bring customers through their doors.

In many situations, the broker and the renter will both get a $250 or $500 gift card upon lease signing.

And brokers like Juneau are increasingly getting their fee from the apartment owners instead of the renters.

Malin said that although he can't see any reason why the concessions will suddenly stop, renters should seize on the deals as they come.

"Now you see a lot of concessions, but if you come back in July they might be gone."

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Assemblyman wants kosher and halal meals available in NYC schools

According to city officials, 38 percent of public school students are Jewish and Muslim.

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A new bill proposes NYC public schools provide halal and kosher meals to students upon request. US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/FLICKR

A state assemblyman wants New York City's school cafeterias to do a better job of catering to the religious dietary restrictions of students.

David Weprin, a Queens Democrat, has introduced a bill requiring city schools to provide kosher and halal meals when requested.

"If we can provide kosher and halal meals in prison, it seems to me it should be an option for public school students," he told the New York Post.

According to city officials, 38 percent of public school students are Jewish and Muslim.

In light of that growing number, the assemblyman feels it's necessary to "honor and respect each other's religions."

In September, Jewish and Muslim students joined lawmakers in front of City Hall to rally for the previous version of the bill, which would have required the kosher and halal meals to be offered in schools where at least 25 percent of students requested them.

Weprin said the halal and kosher meals would add minimal expenses, because the prepackaged foods can be stored.

The proposal follows another school lunch reform push last week; all five borough presidents appealed to Mayor Bill de Blasio in a letter saying that free lunch should be made available to all students regardless of income eligibility.

The expanded free lunches would require an additional $9 million in funding, but the kosher and halal program is not expected to bear a significant extra burden on expenses or kitchen capabilities.

"I don't anticipate they'd have to do a dramatic kitchen change. You could get hot, prepared meals from different vendors," he said.

The Department of Education said schools already offer vegetarian meals, which satisfy kosher and halal meal restrictions. However, some Jewish and Muslim leaders say that those vegetarian meals do not undergo the required supervision.

FUNERAL

Notes found by ex-NFL star Hernandez's body turned over to family

Three handwritten notes found by the body of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez following his suicide in a Massachusetts prison cell last week were released to his family on Monday, an official said.

Family and loved ones of Hernandez attended a private funeral that afternoon at his hometown in Bristol, Connecticut.

Friends leave the Hernandez funeral. GETTY IMAGES

Some of the notes "could be considered suicide notes," Daniel Bennett, Massachusetts' secretary of public safety, told reporters.

The notes, found near a Bible, were handed over in full, the district attorney's spokesman said. Officials have not released the notes publicly or provided details on their contents.

Hernandez was found hanged by a bed sheet in prison last Wednesday in what Massachusetts officials have ruled a suicide.

Hernandez had been a rising star with a $41 million NFL contract when he was arrested in June 2013 and charged with murdering an acquaintance in an industrial park not far from the Patriots' stadium.

He was serving a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole after being found guilty of that murder when he hanged himself, according to state officials. Hernandez's death occurred just days after his acquittal of a separate 2012 double murder.

"We wish to say goodbye to Aaron in a private ceremony and thank everyone in advance for affording us a measure of privacy during this difficult time," the family said in a statement ahead of the funeral.

The lawyer who successfully defended the 27-year-old former athlete in the double-murder trial has vowed to conduct his own investigation into the circumstances of Hernandez's death at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Lancaster, west of Boston. REUTERS

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Apple has implemented software that prevents repairs not done at an Apple store, a move that hurts consumer choice, Right to Repair advocates say. FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Consumer advocates battle smartphone manufacturers for 'Right to Repair'

Massachusetts and a handful of other states have bills that would require smartphone manufacturers to make available any information or specific parts needed to repair a device.

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As it now stands, two options exist if your smartphone, tablet or other digital device breaks: pay hundreds of dollars for a new one or pay hundreds of dollars to get the existing one repaired by the manufacturer.

Among its features, Apple's iPhone 7 includes one that prevents a consumer from making their own repairs to the home button or other parts, which in previous iPhone generations, could be fixed at independent repair shops. Independent shops also have limited to no access to replacement parts for other products, including MacBooks. Other device makers also withhold information about how their products work so that users can only have them serviced from the company.

But that kind of effort runs counter to the consumer's best interests, say advocates of so-called "Right to Repair" laws that have been introduced in eight states, including Massachusetts. The legislation would require Apple, Samsung and others to make available any information or specific parts — like a chip that contains the company's software — needed to repair the device. That means instead of only being able to go to Apple, a consumer can bring their product to any qualified technician, who could use the instructions and obtain the parts needed to fix the problem.

Gay Gordon Byrne, executive director of the digital advocacy nonprofit Repair Association, said Apple's insistence that no one else be allowed to fix its devices creates a monopoly and makes "the repairs so expensive that the incentive is to buy a new one, always."

The Massachusetts bill, which has been referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, is scheduled to be heard in the fall. Similar legislation is being debated in New York, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Wyoming, Illinois and Tennessee.

Apple did not respond to a request for comment, but has pushed back on the Right to Repair bills. In February, Vice's Motherboard quoted a source that said "an Apple representative, staffer or lobbyist will testify against the bill" at a hearing in Nebraska, arguing that if consumers tried to repair their own phones, it could cause the lithium battery to catch fire.

These kinds of laws wouldn't just apply to smartphones. In Europe, the average life of a refrigerator plummeted from 14 years to five years, Byrne said. "It has nothing to do with the compressors. It has everything to do with the electronics." But, she added, if you "could fix your stuff, and you could fix it reasonably, you can keep it for longer."

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Ex-Goldman programmer wins right to appeal conviction

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The nearly eight-year legal odyssey of former Goldman Sachs programmer Sergey Aleynikov continues with a decision by New York state's highest court agreed to review his reinstated conviction for stealing high-frequency trading code.

Aleynikov may appeal because "questions of law are involved which ought to be reviewed," the Court of Appeals said in an order dated April 20.

The order came nearly three months after an intermediate appeals court in Manhattan voted 5-0 to revive Aleynikov's conviction on one count of stealing Goldman code as he prepared to join a Chicago startup, Teza Technologies.

That vote reinstated a May 2015 jury verdict that was later overturned by the trial judge.

A spokeswoman for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, whose office prosecuted Aleynikov, did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Monday.

Kevin Marino, a lawyer for Aleynikov, said he was "thrilled" the Court of Appeals will review his client's conviction for "violating an outmoded, clearly inapplicable criminal statute."

Aleynikov was arrested on federal charges in July 2009 and convicted in December 2010, only to be exonerated by a federal appeals court in February 2012 after serving 11 months of an eight-year prison sentence.

Vance then filed state criminal charges against Aleynikov in August 2012.

In reinstating Aleynikov's second conviction on Jan. 24, the Appellate Division said Vance offered "legally sufficient" evidence that Aleynikov intended to steal "secret scientific material" from Goldman, violating a 1967 state law.

It said the trial judge, Daniel Conviser, who had thrown out the conviction, appeared to have wrongly believed that the stolen code needed to be printed on paper for Aleynikov to be guilty.

"The statute was drafted with broad generalized language that fits squarely into today's digital world," Justice Rosalyn Richter wrote for the Appellate Division.

Aleynikov has said he intended the code only for his own use.

The tale of the dual U.S. and Russian citizen helped inspire Michael Lewis' bestselling book "Flash Boys" on high-frequency trading in the U.S. equity market.

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Sergey Aleynikov, a former Goldman Sachs computer programmer, left, and his lawyer Kevin Marino leave federal court in New York in 2010. GETTY IMAGES

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Police release names of five victims of deadly Queens fire

Police on Monday released the names of the five people killed when a fire roared through a two-story house in Queens on Sunday afternoon.

The dead included two teenagers and two young children.

The five killed were Destiny Dones, 20, Melody Edwards, 17, Jada Foxworth, 16, Rashawn Matthews, 10, and 2-year-old Chayce Lipford.

The two-story house on 208th Street near 112th Avenue in Queens Village went up in flames around 2:10 p.m., officials said.

A passing motorist called the FDNY after witnessing flames rising up from the first floor, fire officials said. The driver also saw a man tumble out of a second-floor window onto the front lawn.

That man, 46, was in stable condition and apparently is the only known survivor of the fire.

The house on 208th Street was engulfed in flame when firefighters arrived. FDNY/TWITTER

Firefighters got to the scene in about four minutes, but aging, wooden-frame house was already engulfed in flame, said Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro, who estimated the structure to be nearly a century old.

Firefighters accomplished the "superhuman task to reach that attic and bring people out," the commissioner said. Two firefighters suffered what appeared to be minor injuries, he said.

The FDNY continued to battle the flames two hours after the initial 911 call. The fire badly damaged an adjacent home but nobody was inside at the time.

"This is a devastation of a family," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at the scene of the fire.

"There's a lot we need to know about what happened here," he added.

The mayor called the fire the worst since seven children from an ultra-orthodox Jewish family died in a Brooklyn fire in March 2015.

"Our job is to get down to the bottom of it to make sure no family ever suffers like this again" he said.

De Blasio noted that the tragic fire occurred while the FDNY was still reeling from the death of Firefighter William Tolley, who fell five stories to his death on Thursday while responding to a residential building fire in Queens.

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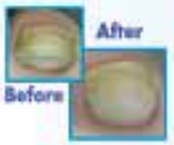
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Barack Obama emerged from his post-presidential hibernation this week to urge young people to get involved in politics. "The single most important thing I can do," he said at a student forum in Chicago, "is to help … the next generation of leadership to take up the baton."

Good words, I suppose, but eight years too late.

Because while his party wallowed in the wonder of his administration all that time, celebrating each legislative triumph and gloating over Republican fury, it showed little appetite for welcoming any fresh faces into the party's hall of power. The result? Instead of strong, young Democrats with robust ideas to oppose the Trump agenda, voters are seeing a parade of bitter Old Guarders still seeking retribution for decades of political warfare in the Reagan/Bush/Clinton years.

Consider this: Even after two rides in the time machine of the Oval office, Obama — at 55 — still looks like a kid next to Congressional leaders Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer who are both 77 (truly old enough to be his parents) and Chuck Schumer who is 66. Hillary and Bill Clinton are 69 and 70, which makes them also well qualified for discounted coffee at McDonald's. Sure, a few younger Democrats timidly raise their hands and are reluctantly acknowledged by the party bosses. But not often.

Age isn't everything, of course. Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders captured the enthusiasm of millions of young voters with his energetic defense of Democratic ideals. No one cared that he too is deep into his 70s. Yet once Sanders got the boot, in too many ways party leaders barked like an old man at teenagers playing hacky sack on the lawn: "Hey, you kids, behave yourselves or get out of here!"

And now, in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, 67 percent of the respondents say the Democratic party is "out of touch." That's a worse number than either Donald Trump or the Republicans suffered.

All of which suggests Barack Obama may need to do more than encourage young people to step into Democratic politics. Perhaps he will also have to urge older leaders to step aside; something they have shown no inclination to do, no matter how their party suffers.

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Major 7.1 quake strikes off Chile's coast, rocks capital

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No major damage was immediately apparent, according to an assessment by Chile's emergency services. The Chilean Navy and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the quake was not expected to cause a tsunami.

Chile's state-run Codelco, one of the largest copper mining companies in the world, said its operations were unaffected.

The quake was centered 22 miles west of the coastal city of Valparaiso at a shallow depth of 6.2 miles below the seabed, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Chilean authorities initially ordered a preventive evacuation of the coastal area near Valparaiso,

some 60 miles west of Santiago, in case of a tsunami, but canceled it shortly afterward.

A spokesman with the local government in Valparaiso said there were no reports of structural damage so far, but cellphone networks were down in some places.

A magnitude 7.1 quake is considered major and is capable of causing widespread and heavy damage, but the effects of this one would have been tempered because it was offshore.

At least two aftershocks of magnitudes 5.0 and 5.4 were recorded in the same spot and could be felt in Santiago.

Chile, located on the so-called "Pacific Ring of Fire," has a long history of deadly quakes, including a 8.8 magnitude quake in 2010 off the south-central coast, which also triggered a tsunami that devastated coastal towns. More than 500 people died.

That was the sixth-largest earthquake ever recorded, according to the USGS. The largest recorded temblor in history was also in Chile, a 9.5-magnitude quake in 1960.

A major 7.6-magnitude earthquake jolted southern Chile on Christmas Day 2016, prompting thousands to evacuate coastal areas, but no fatalities or major damage were reported in the tourism and salmon farming region. REUTERS

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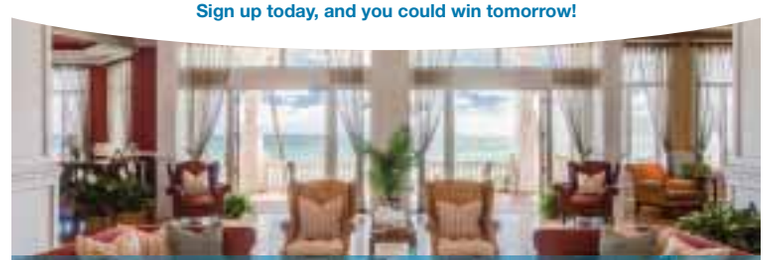

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Trump talks about Mars mission on call with record-breaking astronaut

Astronaut Peggy Whitson broke the 534-day U.S. record for cumulative time in space on Monday and marked the occasion by speaking with President Donald Trump about plans for human trips to Mars.

Whitson, 57, turned a zero-gravity summersault during the video call from the International Space Station, where she serves as station commander. She is midway through a planned 9-1/2-month mission.

By the time Whitson returns to Earth on Sept. 3, she will have racked up a career total 666 days in orbit. Only six Russian men have logged more time.

"What an amazing thing you've done," said Trump, speaking from the Oval Office on his first call with an astronaut serving aboard the $100 billion orbital outpost.

President Donald Trump speaks along with his daughter Ivanka Trump during a video conference with NASA astronauts. GETTY IMAGES

"It's a huge honor to break a record like this," Whitson said with a beaming smile. "It's an honor for me, basically, to be representing all the folks at NASA who make this spaceflight possible and who make me setting this record feasible."

Whitson, a soft-spoken Iowa native, also holds the record for the most time spent spacewalking by a woman. In 2008, she became the first woman to command the space station about 250 miles above Earth.

She and newly arrived rookie crewmate Jack Fischer, 43, both spoke with the president, who was joined on the call by his daughter Ivanka Trump and NASA astronaut Kate Rubins.

Trump, who has proposed keeping NASA's annual $19.5 billion budget roughly unchanged next fiscal year, asked about plans for human trips to Mars, tentatively to start in the 2030s.

"Well, we want to try to do that during my first term, or at worst during my second term, so we'll have to speed that up a little bit, OK? " Trump quipped.

"We'll do our best," Whitson said. REUTERS

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Tesla's big Model 3 bet rides on risky assembly line strategy

Workers assemble cars on the line at Tesla's factory. GETTY IMAGES

Tesla Inc. Chief Executive Elon Musk took many risks with the technology in his company's cars on the way to surpassing Ford Motor Co.'s market value. Now Musk is pushing boundaries in the factory that makes them.

Most automakers test a new model's production line by building vehicles with relatively cheap, prototype tools designed to be scrapped once they deliver doors that fit, body panels with the right shape and dashboards that don't have gaps or seams.

Tesla, however, is skipping that preliminary step and ordering permanent, more expensive equipment as it races to launch its Model 3 sedan by a self-imposed volume production deadline of September, Musk told investors last month.

Musk's decision underscores his high-risk tolerance and willingness to forego long-held industry norms that has helped Tesla upend the traditional auto industry. While Tesla is not the first automaker to try to accelerate production on the factory floor, no other rival is putting this much faith in the production strategy succeeding.

Musk expects the Model 3 rollout to help Tesla deliver five times its current annual sales volume, a key target in the automaker's efforts to stop burning cash.

"He's pushing the envelope to see how much time and cost he can take out of the process," said Ron Harbour, a manufacturing consultant at Oliver Wyman.

Investors are already counting on Tesla's factory floor success, with shares soaring 39 percent since January as it makes the leap from niche producer to mass producer in far less time than rivals.

There are caution signs, however. The production equipment designed to produce millions of cars is expensive to fix or replace if it doesn't work, industry experts say. Tesla has encountered quality problems on its existing low-volume cars, and the Model 3 is designed to sell in numbers as high as 500,000 vehicles a year, raising the potential cost of recalls or warranty.

"It's an experiment, certainly," said Consumer Reports' Jake Fisher, who has done extensive testing of Tesla's previous Models S and X. Tesla could possibly fix errors quicker, speeding up the process, "or it could be they have unsuspected problems they'll have a hard time dealing with."

Musk discussed the decision to skip what he referred to as "beta" production testing during a call last month with an invited group of investors.

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To pay for the rest, use grants and scholarships, work-study earnings and student loans — in that order. Maximize the amount of gift aid, or cash you don't have to pay back, before you borrow money to pay for college.

That's all easier said than done, so here's a guide to navigating the process:

Fill out the FAFSA

Submitting Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) puts you in the running to receive federal grants, work-study opportunities, loans, and some state and school-based aid. Fill it out as soon as possible because some colleges award money on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to the FAFSA, some schools also require you complete the CSS profile to be considered for aid.

Fill out the FAFSA even if you don't expect to qualify for any aid, says Ben Miller, senior director of postsecondary education at the Center for American Progress. All students — regardless of family income — qualify for unsubsidized federal student loans as long as they fill out the FAFSA. Plus, many states, colleges and even some private scholarships require applicants to fill out the FAFSA, so if you skip it you could disqualify yourself for those opportunities.

Search for scholarships

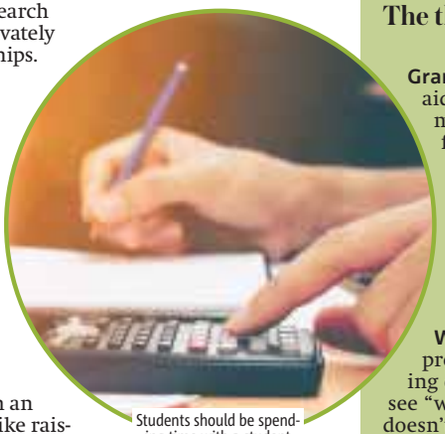
After you submit the FAFSA, you'll have to wait a few weeks — or even months — to hear back about what federal, state and school-based aid you're offered. In the meantime, search and apply for privately funded scholarships.

There are thousands of scholarships out there, so use a scholarship search tool to narrow your selection. You could be eligible for various awards based on factors including your grade-point average, gender, ethnicity or even an obscure hobby, like raising goats.

Take out private loans — if necessary

If you do need to use private student loans, compare your options before you choose a lender. Shop around to find the lender that offers you the lowest interest rate and the most generous borrower protections, such as flexible repayment plans or the option to put your loans in forbearance if you're struggling to make payments.

Remember: You'll have to pay back any money you borrow after you graduate. Many student loans (all but federal subsidized loans) accrue interest while you're in school, which means you'll have to pay back more than you originally borrowed. You can use a student loan calculator to see how much you borrow now will cost you on a monthly basis later.



Students should be spending time with a student loan calculator.

But don't let the cost scare you away from college altogether — think of college as an investment, says Nicole Hurd, founder of College Advising Corps, which offers college counseling to high school students in 14 states.

"You can always lose a car and lose a house," she says. "But you can't lose an education."

The three major financial aid options:

Grants and scholarships: Known as "gift aid," grants and scholarships provide money you don't have to pay back. The federal government offers several kinds of grants, including Pell Grants, the largest federal grant program. States and universities also award grants, which tend to be need-based, and scholarships, which are usually given based on a student's merit or background.

Work-study: The federal work-study program funds part-time jobs for qualifying college students. But just because you see "work-study" on your financial aid award doesn't mean you automatically get that money. You have to find an eligible work-study job on your campus and work enough hours to earn all of the aid you qualify for.

Student loans: You may see a combination of federal, state and private loans on your financial aid award. Most federal student loans are direct loans (either unsubsidized or subsidized), which are sometimes called Stafford loans. You may also be offered Parent PLUS loans, which are federal loans your parents can take out to help you pay for college.

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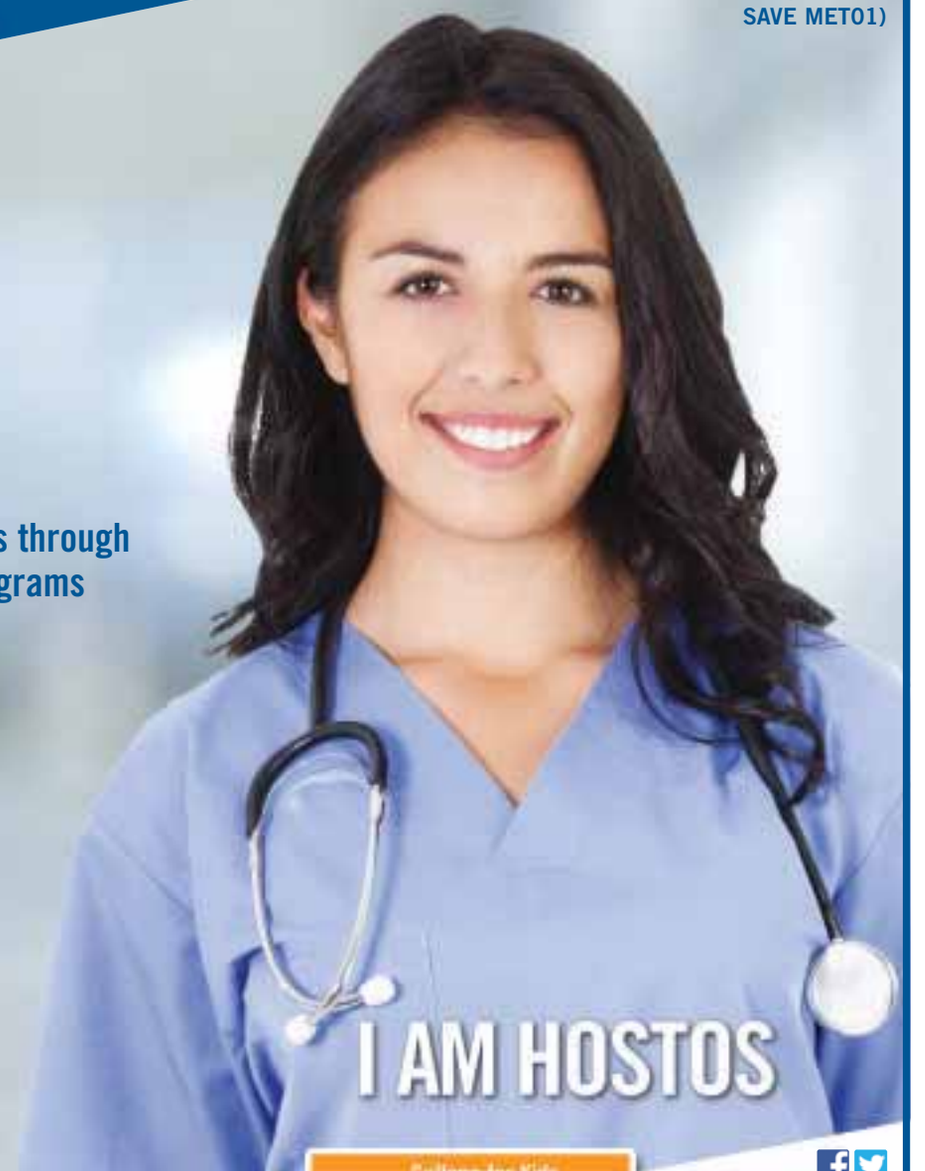

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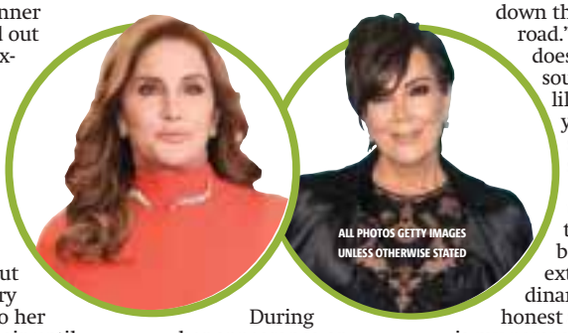
Are Caitlyn and Kris feuding right now?



Caitlyn Jenner just found out that her ex-wife Kris is mad at her.

According to Us Weekly, Caitlyn didn't know about Kris's angry reaction to her new memoir until her "Good Morning America" appearance Monday morning. Kris told her daughters that after reading the book, she's done with Caitlyn. And Caitlyn didn't miss a beat.

During her appearance on the morning show, she told Michael Strahan that she doesn't even watch "Keeping Up With the Kardashians:" "Hey, it's a reality show. It is drama, but I'm just kind of sorry she went down that road." Sure doesn't sound like you're sorry, sis!

"I think the book is extraordinarily honest and it is my perspective. And obviously when you do a book there are different opinions," Caitlyn said. Well, memoirs are supposedly more about facts than opinions, but OK, sure!

Amber Heard & Elon Musk are Instagram-official

A familiar face has casually popped up on Amber Heard's Instagram.

That's right: Heard, 32, posted a picture of her casually having dinner with the side of Elon Musk's face. And she made sure to mark him before the picture was snapped: Musk has a faint but clear kiss-shaped lipstick mark on his cheek. Heard captioned it "Cheeky," just in case things were too subtle, which they absolutely are not.

Musk, 45, shared a similar picture around a similar time, so yeah. I guess they are official.

Last week, Heard's father told Grazia magazine that the pair was very serious. "She would love to get married. One of the things they want to do is settle down and have a family. They are making plans for that." Why Heard's father is telling all of her business, I do not know.

While I'm no relationship expert, I'm thinking neither of them needs to be rushing into another short-lived marriage. Heard finalized her divorce from Johnny Depp earlier this year, while Musk divorced from his second wife for a second time late last year.

Also, considering Musk already has six children, I think they're good on the family front. This is starting to feel like a modern-day Von Trapp situation, and not in a good way.

A Cobb salad brought Jennifer Lopez & A-Rod together

Jennifer Lopez is opening up about the beginnings of her romance with Alex Rodriguez, and it is basic AF.

The 47-year-old chatted with Ellen Degeneres and called Rodriguez a "great guy" before divulging the details of their boring courtship.

The "Shades of Blue" star was just having a Cobb salad and some tortilla soup when she spotted the former Yankees shortstop. "For some reason, I just felt like tapping him on the shoulder." That small invasion of privacy led to the two scheduling a dinner date soon after, and the rest is history.

The pair have been dating for three months, and recently went Instagram-official. Rodriguez, 41, has described the time they are having as "good." He's a poet, basically.

So there you have it. According to both Lopez and Rodriguez, their relationship fluctuates between "good" and "nice." Sounds boring, but if you guys are happy, I'm happy for you!

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What it's like to be set on fire

Sharlto Copley says "Free Fire" is the most dangerous film he's ever made.

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When Sharlto Copley tells you his new movie was the most dangerous film he's made so far, you listen. The South African actor is no stranger to explosions and crazy stunts. He made his name with "District 9," then with "The A-Team," "Elysium," "Chappie" and "Hardcore Henry" — all violent action movies where Copley was game to do whatever wild nonsense came his way. But "Free Fire" — a darkly comic action movie from England with an all-star cast — takes the cake.

For one thing, Copley was set on fire. He plays Vernon, a moneyed arms dealer who arrives in an abandoned Brighton warehouse for a big score. One thing leads to another, and suddenly the dozen or so participants — including Brie Larson, Armie Hammer and Cillian Murphy — are all shooting at each other. Without giving too much away, at one point Vernon goes up in flames.

"Apparently getting set on fire is what insurance companies rate as the most dangerous thing I've ever attempted," Copley tells us, with a mix of pride and horror. It was one of the last things they filmed. "They were like, 'Finish the movie first, then he can burn himself.'"

GETTY

Sharlto Copley (front and center-ish) plays one of a dozen or so low-lifes shooting at each other in "Free Fire," now in theaters. KERRY BROWN, A24

Luckily the stunt team were all over it. They fitted him with a flame retardant suit, as well as a gel that actually made him shiver until the heat hit him. They told him if he suddenly felt too hot, he should just lie flat on his stomach and they'd jump on him.

"It all went absolutely perfectly," Sharlto says. "But you are on fire."

But being set on fire wasn't what made "Free Fire" the most dangerous movie Sharlto Copley has ever made. It was the squibs.

On movies, squibs are the tiny firecrackers that, when activated by the crew, create the explosions you love on screen. On "Free Fire," they were mostly all over the set, blowing up parts of the dilapidated, dirty warehouse in which our legion of anti-heroes find themselves trapped in a multiway Mexican standoff. That required expert choreography, especially since some shots involved 16 or 17 or even 20 squibs blowing up at a time.

"If they press the button at the wrong time, it blows up in your face," Copley recalls. "At the distances we were at from these squibs, there was nothing to protect yourself and your eyes. It's your eyes that are really at monumental risk. There was so much gunfire that it made things bizarrely serious when the camera was rolling. But when it wasn't it was fun and games and silly buggers."

Lookin' good

One perk of making "Free Fire": the facial hair. It's set in the '70s, meaning most of the male actors had to grow beards and mustaches, as though they were competing with each other. (Copley thinks Armie Hammer won: After all, he had to use beard oil.) Copley has a nice, thick, bushy 'stache. And he was a little freaked out that his wife, the model and actress Tanit Phoenix, loved it.

"This is her favorite character I've done. I was like, 'Really, baby?'" Sharlto reveals. "You used to look at that stuff as cheesy. Turns out a little bit of swagger, some chains around the neck and some sexist attitudes actually aren't as much of a woman-repellent as I would have thought."

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‘Deadpool 2’ finally has a release date

So, good time to point out that we don’t like it one bit?

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Real talk: Ryan Reynolds was pretty annoying in 2016’s “Deadpool.” FOX

One of the most hotly anticipated movies on the planet, “Deadpool 2,” finally has a release date. The sequel to the 2016 renegade comic book picture will now arrive on June 1, 2018. Perhaps you’re stoked because it’s your favorite movie ever — a refreshingly profane antidote to all the square superhero fare that still makes all the money. So don’t mind us if we rain on everyone’s parade by pointing out that “Deadpool” blows.

Smarmy, smug and epically self-pleased, “Deadpool” grates on our nerves. Though he’s made great strides over the years at broadening his craft — he’s great in “The Voices” and “Mississippi Grind” — Ryan Reynolds wound up reverting to his “Van Wilder”/“Two Guys and a Girl” smirky phase, as though he was convinced he’s the most entertaining human on the planet. The movie is so in-your-face about being a comic book movie that’s not your typical comic book movie that the only sane response is to call bulls—.

Or so we thought. As it turned out, audiences ate it up, and now it’s as big a franchise as any random Marvel outing. And so here comes “Deadpool 2,” which at least will have Josh Brolin as the baddie named Cable — an excellent choice, though we are sad that Michael Shannon, previously in the running, didn’t get the gig. And those of us naysayers will once again have to endure all this talk about how “Deadpool” is the most original superhero movie ever made. Sorry, but no.

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Littlefield expands

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Gowanus bar and event space Littlefield — home to quirky entertainment ranging from the one-off Sexting AF (art festival), to Monday night comedy show Night Train with Wyatt Cenac since 2009 — has launched a Kickstarter to reopen in a much bigger location next door. In the same space, they'll also open Parklife, an outdoor bar and restaurant with a 4,000-square-foot yard.

Co-owners Julie Kim and Scott Koshnoodi need your help covering the costs of moving and converting what is now a dirt lot into a landscaped yard, complete with a salvaged shipping container they'll serve food and drinks out of. They've partnered with El Atoradero, the Crown Heights taco joint, which will provide Parklife's menu, and Kim says they'll put out a new drinks list with specialty cocktails.

As for the new Littlefield, Kim says the space will have mostly the same vibe and provide the same programming, but with a new sound and lighting system and a brand new stage. "We get a chance to do it better this time," she says.

Kim says they plan to begin moving in May, with Parklife projected to open in June. Their fundraising goal of $26,000 must be fulfilled by Thursday, May 18.

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The street-level bar at Nobu Downtown

Nobu's new Miami flair

The iconic restaurant just moved downtown, with a bar/lounge with serious South Florida vibes.

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Lower Manhattan is taking on a distinctly tropical vibe.

The bar and food scene below Houston Street has been trending toward the warmer climates, from the South of France-inspired Beaubourg at Brookfield Place to the Cuban bar Black-Tail from the team behind the world's best bar, the Dead Rabbit.

This month brought Nobu, which just settled into its new flagship digs at 195 Broadway after 23 years in Tribeca (rent issues happen even for the biggest players). While the world-famous black cod miso and its other classics are accounted for in its subterranean dining room, the star is a breathtaking new street-level bar and lounge area with a menu straight out of Miami.

Beverage director Jad Marouche gave up the sunny climes of South Florida for a move to New York to create the all-new cocktail menu for Nobu Downtown. "In Miami," he says, "drinks are more fruit-driven and sweeter," a style he's combined with the boozier cocktails preferred by New Yorkers.

The resulting list (all $18) is intensely refreshing, with the same breezy elegance that Nobu does so well. There's nothing as quenching as the Coconut Sake Fresca, enriched by coconut puree that undergoes a three-day aging process.

He's also a fan of infused liquors like bergamot vodka in the Fulton St. Sour, trendy ingredients like yuzu and matcha, and a whiskey selection heavy on Japan's "brighter and richer" varieties.

Craft beer fans will be surprised by the Japanese bottle selection well beyond the usual Kirin and Sapporo.

"We're starting to branch out a little bit more," says Marouche, an acknowledgement of beer's soaring popularity both here and abroad. "This is just the start of many more beers to come that are gonna be craft and microbrew style."

To pair with your drinks, Nobu Downtown has also created a new signature bites menu, led by the absolutely addictive take on bar nuts that is panko-crusted fava beans, bite-size vegetable tacos overflowing with the fresh green goodies of spring and, in a nod to the trend of customizable food, a Downtown Style Hand Rolls platter with all the sashimi, garnishes and sauces ready to be rolled up in nori sheets.

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New moms on the struggles of breastfeeding

In the "Girls" series finale, Hannah's baby has trouble latching. Real women share their nursing ordeals.

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Hannah Horvath loses her mind trying to get her baby to latch. Marnie isn't much help as her smothering sidekick. HBO

Hannah Horvath isn't the first mom to struggle with breastfeeding.

In the "Girls" series finale, "Latching," we see Lena Dunham's character lose her mind because her newborn baby, Grover, won't latch onto her nipple and take her milk. She feels like a bad mother whose baby hates her, and acts butt hurt (boob hurt?) as though he were just another guy rejecting her. And giving Grover a bottle of formula is viewed as a last-case scenario — giving up.

Kudos to "Girls" for depicting this incredibly trying aspect of motherhood. We're often told that breast milk is best for the baby's health, and that the act fosters a fundamental mother-baby bond that will serve the child for years to come, but no one prepares women for the basic logistical difficulties of the act, not to mention its physical and emotional toll.

We hear from real women on their own nursing ordeals struggles and what they wish they had known before to prepare.

When you give birth to twins but can't make enough milk for both mouths

"I physically couldn't breastfeed. I produced some milk but not nearly enough for two babies. It was so disappointing because before you have a child, breastfeeding vs. formula is presented as this sort of choice of equal options, but the reality is that one is 500,000 times more difficult than the other and there's not even a guarantee you can do it. We had to supplement with formula from day one because they were too small and I wasn't making enough milk. I stopped breastfeeding at all around four months."

When the baby latches but that's not the end of your troubles

"My baby latched from Day One, but I would have to try a million times until he got the breast right. He has to have his mouth open and bring him right over to your breast. I called the lactation nurse many times. Without her help I don't think I would have made it. Funny thing, from watching movies, I thought nursing was so easy. Do you remember 'The Blue Lagoon'? The baby just goes to Brooke Shield's nipple and starts sucking. Well, it is not like that at all."

When pumping at work is a logistical nightmare

"When I went back to work, that's when the trouble started. For me, I was teaching at a university, so I would have back-to-back classes and I would have a break every three hours. I'd run to this converted dorm room designated for this, it was so disgusting in there. I would pump and then run back to my next class to teach, hoping there was nothing leaking. It's the most infuriating process."

When you can't breastfeed because you have inverted nipples and your baby is tongue-tied

"I read all the stuff on breastfeeding, but [my baby] wouldn't latch. After a few days in the hospital, the pediatrician said, 'Oh, he has a tongue-tie.' Sometimes babies are born with the skin under their tongue more forward so their mouth can't really open. Plus, I have inverted nipples. I pumped exclusively for five months. Eight times a day. I was like a Medela cow milking myself.

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Frito-Lay recalls jalapeno-flavor chips due to salmonella concern

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And to quote Albert Hague's famous Christmastime jingle of one Mr. Grinch, the two teams and their fan bases go together as well as "a three-decker sauerkraut and toadstool sandwich with arsenic sauce."

The good news for everyone is that the Yankees and Red Sox will resume their ancient rivalry on Tuesday night from Fenway Park in Boston for early-season supremacy in the American League East.

Entering Wednesday, the Yankees hold a slim 0.5-game advantage over Boston, though both are looking up at the Baltimore Orioles.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, winning two of three games in the Steel City, cooled off New York over the weekend.

Prior to their series, the Yankees had won nine of 10 games after a 1-4 start to the season.

The Sox are also coming off a testy series in which they dropped two of three to the Baltimore Orioles. After scoring just two runs in the first two games of the series, Boston salvaged Sunday by collecting 14 hits in a 6-2 win.

The victory was overshadowed by Matt Barnes throwing at the head of Baltimore star Manny Machado.

Don't expect any warm, fuzzy feelings to enter this Yankees-Red Sox series, either.

New York has an opportunity to prove in April that it should be a team taken seriously in the AL East.

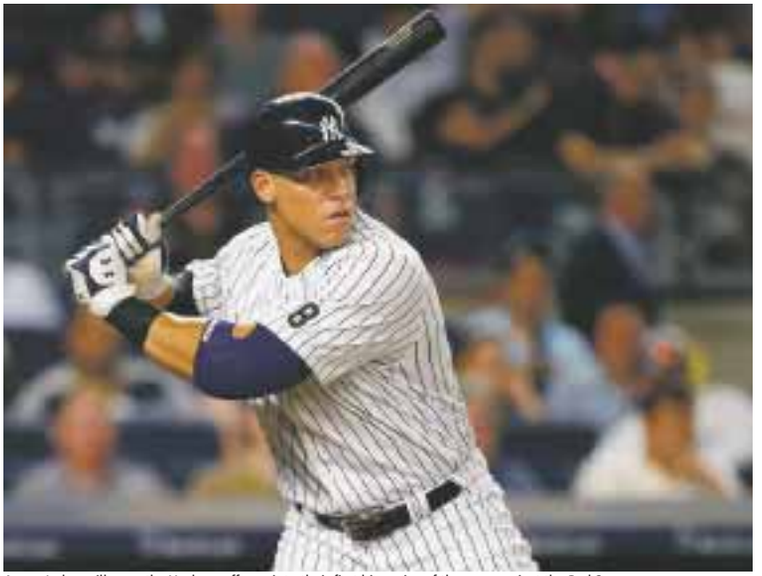
Boston, much considered the divisional favorites after acquiring Chris Sale during the offseason, will look to squash any notion that the Baby Bombers can hang with the Sox.

It creates an aura not felt around the rivalry this early in a season for quite some time. However, it will be a trial by fire for the some of the Yankees' more inexperienced stars like Aaron Judge, who holds the power to vaporize a baseball with just one swing.

The 24-year-old, who turns 25 on Wednesday, pulverized his sixth home run of the season on Saturday that traveled 457 feet.

He and the New York lineup are going to be facing the top of Boston's rotation with dates against reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello, Sale and Drew Pomeranz, by far the best trio of hurlers they've faced this season.

The Yankees will counter with Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka and C.C. Sabathia.



Aaron Judge will carry the Yankees offense into their first big series of the year against the Red Sox. GETTY IMAGES

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Michael Conforto showing he belongs with slumping Mets

Michael Conforto has been one of the New York Mets' most valuable bats during the early portions of the 2017 regular season. GETTY IMAGES

"I try to keep everything the same ... just so I'm prepared for whatever I'm going to be doing that day."

Conforto, to Newsday's Laura Albanese

The young outfielder has been New York's most productive bat when he's in the lineup.

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New York Mets outfielder Michael Conforto was not expected to even be with the team this early in the regular season.

Good thing he is, though.

While they might not be consistent in terms of success on the field, the Mets sure do know how to make their supporters uneasy even if it's only 19 games into the season.

Like a nightmarish repeat of last year, injuries have swept through and decimated New York's roster.

The laundry list includes:

- **Jacob deGrom:** stiff neck (day-to-day)
- **Yoenis Cespedes:** sore hamstring (day-to-day)
- **Wilmer Flores:** infection (10-day DL)
- **Lucas Duda:** hyperextended left elbow (10-day DL)
- **Steven Matz:** flexor tendon strain (10-day DL)
- **Seth Lugo:** UCL tear (10-day DL)

It has left manager Terry Collins patching together a lineup in April that has not been competitive against its NL East counterparts.

And it left the door open for Conforto to make the team.

The 24-year-old trudged through a horrendous sophomore campaign in 2016 that called his immediate MLB career into question.

After batting .270 with nine home runs and 26 RBIs in 56 games during his rookie year, Conforto batted .220 (67-304) and was optioned to triple-A Las Vegas last season.

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CONFORTO'S BATTING AVERAGE THIS SEASON

A strong spring training was not enough to ease concerns surrounding him as Juan Lagares and Brandon Nimmo were expected to make the club over him. But last-minute injuries (surprise, surprise) saw him make the opening day roster.

New York's offense has performed like Conforto did last season, especially as of late.

The Washington Nationals came into Citi Field and swept the Mets this weekend, which is concerning considering this is the team New York was expected to challenge for the division title.

The offense scored three runs or fewer in each game and has averaged just 2.8 runs per night over its last nine. The average among MLB teams this season is 4.21 runs per game.

They also rank 29th in the league with a .210 team batting average.

Conforto, who has worked his way into a more prominent role with the club thanks to those injuries, has not been the problem.

In 16 games, he is batting .361 (13-36) with four home runs and eight RBIs.

He's hit home runs in two of his last three games and was the lone positive to take out of the Mets' 6-3 loss to the Nationals on Sunday as he went 3-for-4, half of his team's hits, with a solo home run.

The rest of the Mets' outfield, including Cespedes, Jay Bruce, Curtis Granderson and Lagares is hitting just .189 this season.

New York doesn't have much time to mess around if they want to make the postseason for a third-straight season. They were 5.5 games back of the Nationals after Sunday and are off to their worst start since 2011.

If Conforto can continue this production, even if it comes at the expense of one of the veterans, the Mets have to play him as much as possible.

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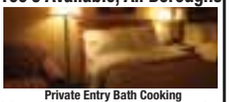

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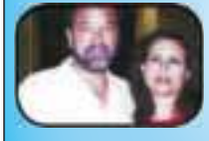

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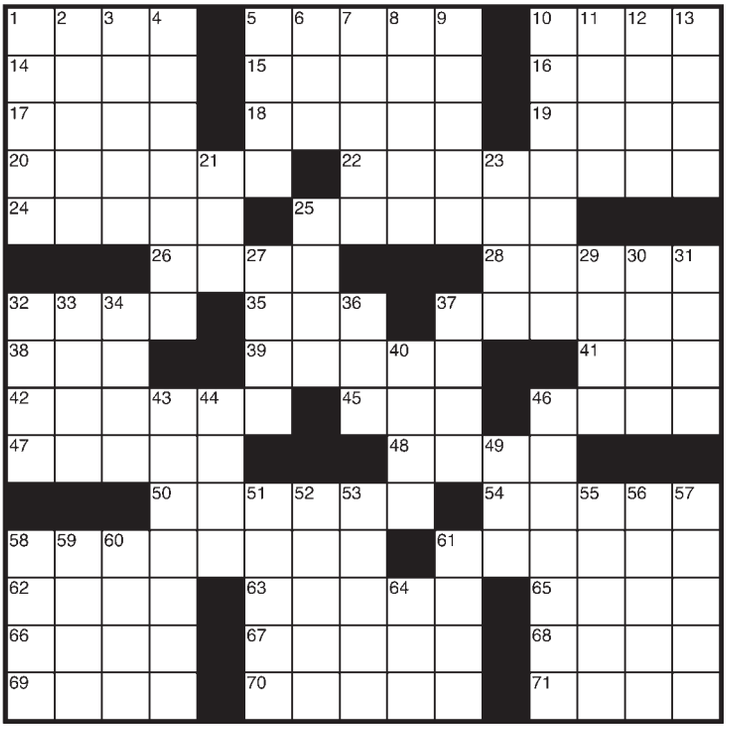

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Taurus Apply what you know to something that you find interesting, enjoyable and motivating. It will make your chores easier if you have something to look forward to.

Gemini Get together with people who have something to offer. Share your thoughts. Don't overstep your bounds. Stay focused and make the most of what you've got.

Cancer Your emotions will take control if you let a partner, domestic issue or child get the upper hand. Don't feel obliged or let anyone guilt you into making a snap decision.

Leo Take a close look at your professional position and potential advancement. Network at industry events and think about the newest trends.

Virgo Attending a seminar or meeting that can provide you with information that is pertinent to something you want to pursue will help you avoid making a mistake.

Libra Partnerships will go through an adjustment. Be ready with suggestions to avoid being railroaded into something you don't like. Ask a friend to help resolve a dispute.

Scorpio An intense push to get things done will pay off, but will also challenge you physically. Take time to rejuvenate to avoid health issues that interfere with your progress.

Sagittarius Personal problems should be dealt with quickly. The more you ignore an uncomfortable situation, the worse it will become. Do what needs to be done.

Capricorn Too much of anything will work against you. Keep your distance from people who are unpredictable, inconsistent or emotionally unstable.

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